



# Riverside Neighborhood Partnership

## Meeting Minutes

**October 2, 2006 – 6:30 pm**

**City Hall – Mayor's Ceremonial Room**

**Members Present:** Gurumantra Khalsa, Albert Figueroa, Kirk Beck, Kathye Crumley, Susie Doss, Dan Gressman, Nancy Sturmer, John Williams, Erin Snyder, Taffi Romero, Wivory Brandle, Steven Kirkpatrick,

**Members Excused:** Bernice Tank, Michael Pierpoint, LaTonya Johnson

**Members Unexcused:**

**Guests:** Norm Gritton, Aurora Chavez

**Staff:** Bruni Mercado

1. **Call to Order/Introductions** – 6:35pm
2. **Approval of Minutes, September 11, 2006** – Minutes approved
3. **Concerns from Visiting Neighborhoods**

Aurora Chavez had concern about the Cingular Wireless communication pole on Van Buren/Challen, said it was illegal and no one obtained neighborhood approval to install in that area.

#### 4. **Mayor Ron Loveridge**

##### a) **General Plan**

Mayor gave brief summary of how the Office of Neighborhoods and Riverside Neighborhood Partnership stemmed from the Neighborhoods USA Conference. He outlined several signature accomplishments/disappointments in his tenure as Mayor. He recommended that there be at least one report per year to the Council on the activities/issues in Riverside neighborhoods. He then suggested that the RNP Board identify and propose to Council, which neighborhood should be targeted in the City's General Plan for 2007. The board voted to accept proposal from Mayor. Mayor will take this item to Council for approval in October.

##### b) **Neighborhood Surveys**

Mayor recommended that the RNP try a detailed neighborhood surveys by tracking their observations of 3 or 4 specific neighborhoods on a computerized system (article from Governing Magazine). Mayor would speak with Steve Reneker (Chief Information Officer) to determine cost of neighborhood tracking system. Mayor asked that RNP members read article in the GoRNP members agreed to call Bruni with their decision about this recommendation.

Manny Leon went over schedule for Mayor's Night Out (MNO). RNP members discussed different ways of advertising MNO information to the community.

#### 5. **Election of New Officers**

Gurumantra Khalsa - Area 2 - Chair

Albert Figueroa - Area 3 - Vice Chair

Dan Gressmann – Area 5 – Vice Chair

Taffi Romero – Leader for Neighborhood Pride Award Subcommittee

Sally Cernie – Leader for Jack B. Clarke Award Subcommittee

## **6. Filling Vacant Seats**

Michael Pierpoint of Magnolia Avenue Baptist Church was officially voted in as faith-based representative. Aurora Chavez was voted in for Area 4 Alternate. Board is currently looking into finding Alternate for Area 1, since Alternate Erin Snyder replaced Nanci Larsen. If no Alternate is found for Area 1, Cindie Jenson has volunteered to serve.

Members were asked to bring forward a list of names of individuals to fill vacant seats in Education and Chambers of Commerce categories. Board is looking into possibly voting in Shirley Hanigan for Education.

## **7. Future Agenda Items**

None

## **8. Other Items/Public Comment**

Wood Streets Quarterly – information regarding the official boundaries of the “Wood Streets.”

Announcements of different activities:

- Annual BBQ for Wood Streets Neighborhood – 10/7/06
- Traffic Safety Fair at Castle Park – 10/7/06
- Waterway Clean-up at Don Derr Park (Monroe & Lincoln) – 10/7/06
- Sock Hop at March Airforce Base – 11/18/06

## **9. Next Meeting: Monday November 6, 2006, Mayor’s Ceremonial Room**

## **10. Adjournment**

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